

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for grant funds pursuant to the authority established by Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Support Act of 2018, Title V, Subtitle G, Section 5062 to make grant funds available to support health care providers to initiate or enhance a peer navigation program directed towards improving perinatal health services among high-risk expectant mothers in Wards 7 & 8 who are on Medicaid or are Medicaid-eligible. The Director of DHCF has authority to issue grants under the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code 7-771.05(4) (2012 Repl.).

A Request for Applications (RFA) for the opportunity below will be released under a separate announcement with guidelines for submitting the application, review criteria, and DHCF terms and conditions for applying for and receiving funding. The anticipated performance period for these grants is July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019.

Descriptions of Opportunity:

Patient Centered Maternal Care Program: One (1) grant of up to \$200,000 will be awarded to support the District's efforts to improve perinatal health outcomes. The awardee will utilize peer navigation services to improve the timely delivery of appropriate prenatal and postnatal services to high-risk expectant mothers residing in Wards 7 and 8, who receive Medicaid or are Medicaid-eligible.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must have a demonstrated record of involvement with District perinatal health improvement efforts and history, experience, and/or knowledge related to use of peer navigators, and with other health care delivery system quality improvement and transformation efforts, particularly with respect to improving maternal health care.

The applicant must have the operational readiness and capabilities to:

- i. staff the required team (At least 50% of the direct services delivery staff shall not possess an advanced level degree (bachelors level degree and higher));
- ii. implement a health care delivery model for expectant mothers incorporating peer navigators
- iii. identify a consistent source of referrals for patients;
- iv. provide patient-centered care for expectant mothers, including: regular office and in-home visits, access to nutritional education, and access to classes and support groups such as perinatal fitness, child birth education, newborn care, and parenting skills;
- v. provide access to essential maternity and postpartum maternal and newborn supplies such as clothes and diapers;

- vi. provide or refer expectant mothers to mental health services;
- vii. refer expectant mothers to WIC, health insurance, and other community resources;
- viii. provide expanded maternity services which will include care coordination of non-clinical health, nutritional, and social support through the end of pregnancy up to 6 months postpartum;
- ix. initiate intervention prior to 4 weeks postpartum for non-NICU and prior to 12 weeks postpartum for NICU;
- x. increase early access to and compliance with prenatal care;

All applicants must also be registered organization in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Corporation Division, the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), the Department of Employment Services (DOES), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and demonstrate Clean Hands certification at the time of application.

A RFA will be released on or around May 20, 2019. The application package will be available online at <http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse> and the DHCF website (<https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/dhcf-grant-opportunities>). Hard copies of the application package may be obtained at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk daily from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

DHCF will hold a pre-proposal conference on May 30, 2019 from 3 – 5 PM at 441 4th St., NW 10th Floor North, Main Street (Room 1028), Washington, DC. Prospective applicants must provide an email address to DHCF to receive notification of amendments or clarifications to the RFA.

Completed applications must be received on or before 4 PM on June 19, 2019. Applications must be submitted in hard copy and in-person at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk. No applications will be accepted after the submission deadline. All eligible applications will be reviewed through a competitive process.

For additional information regarding this NOFA, please contact Pamela Riley, MD, Medical Director, DHCF, Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director at pamela.riley2@dc.gov or at 202-442-9077.